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1. SUMMARY: FOURTH AND FIFTH MEETINGS OF LOS CONFERENCE, DEC 11, WITNESSED PROTRACTED DEBATE ON WHETHER AND HOW TO PROCEED TO ELECTION OF OFFICERS. AMERASINGHE OPENED MORNING MEETING WITH REPORT THAT TWO REGIONAL GROUPS (WEOS AND ASIAN) HAD BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON SLATES OF CANDIDATES. HIS REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT TO PERMIT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS, HOWEVER, MET WITH OBJECTION FROM PRC WHICH PROPOSED THAT CONFERENCE ADOPT "ONE STATE/ONE SEAT" PRINCIPLE (NO REPRESENTATION ON BOTH GENERAL AND DRAFTING COMMITTEES FOR ANY PARTICIPANT). ENSUING
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DEBATE CAROMED OFF THIS AND OTHER ISSUES RELATING

TO ELECTIONS INCLUDING WHETHER RULES OF PROCEDURE SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BEFORE COMPLETION OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND UNDER WHAT RULES ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS WOULD TAKE PLACE. AFTER SIX HOURS OF RATHER BITTER DEBATE, CONFERENCE ACCEPTED AMERASINGHE PROPOSAL TO APPLY UNGA RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR PURPOSES OF ELECTING OFFICERS AND TO PROCEED TO THAT ELECTION AT DEC 11 PM SESSION. DEC 12 MORNING MEETING TO BE DEVOTED TO INITIAL CONSIDERATION OR RULES OF PROCEDURE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOURTH MEETING OF LOS CONFERENCE CONVENED DEC 11 AM TO CONSIDER ELECTION OF OFFICERS. AMERASINGHE REPORTED THAT TWO REGIONAL GROUPS (WEOS AND ASIAN) HAD NOT AGREED UPON SINGLE SLATE OF RESPECTIVE CANDIDATES AND HAD REQUESTED MORE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS. AMERASINGHE ENDORSED SUGGESTION AND REQUESTED CONFERENCE AGREE ON NO-OBJECTION BASIS TO ADJOURN TO COMPLETE NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS. HIS MOVE FAILED WHEN PRC FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT CONFERENCE ADOPT "ONE STATE/ONE SEAT" PRINCIPLE (NO REPRESENTATION FOR ANY PARTICIPANT ON BOTH GENERAL AND DRAFTING COMMITTEES) PRC INTERVENTION TRIGGERED EXTENDED DEBATE NOT ONLY ON ISSUE OF DUAL REPRESENTATION BUT ALSO ON WHETHER AND HOW ELECTION OF OFFICERS WOULD TAKE PLACE; WHETHER TO PROCEED TO DISCUSSION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE BEFORE RESOLVING ELECTION ISSUE AND UNDER WHAT RULES CONFERENCE OPERATES PRIOR TO ADOPTING ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE.

3. PRC POSITION RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM PERU, ALBANIA, SPAIN, ALGERIA AND, CURIOUSLY, VENEZUELA. USSR STRONGLY OPPOSED PRC PROPOSAL, REFERRING TO AMERASINGHE'S PREVIOUS RULING THAT EACH REGIONAL GROUP IS COMPETENT TO DECIDE UPON REPRESENTATION FOR ITS MEMBERS. SOVIET REP CITED UN PRECEDENT FOR SPECIAL RIGHTS FOR PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL BASED UPON THEIR SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN INT'L PEACE AND SECURITY UNDER THE UN CHARTER.

4. US REP (STEVENSON) NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT REGIONAL GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATES DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES ON QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION. IN OTHER WORDS THERE COULD BE NO CONFERENCE AGREEMENT ON "ONE STATE/ONE SEAT: RULE. HE APPEALED TO PARTICIPANTS TO CONCENTRATE ON TASK OF FACILITATING SUCCESSFUL LOS CONFERENCE. SUCH AN EFFORT REQUIRED ACCOMMODATION OF ONE NATION/ONE VOTE PRINCIPLE WITH NEED TO NEGOTIATE TREATY WHICH CAN BE RATIFIED BY ALL. SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES MUST BE TEMPERED BY INSURING

THAT ALL POINTS OF VIEW ARE ACCOMMODATED IN NEGOTIATING
PROCESS. REQUIREMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE, THERE-
FORE, CONTRADICT "ONE STATE/ONE SEAT" PRINCIPLE, WHICH
GIVEN REGIONAL GROUP MIGHT DECIDE TO APPLY TO ITSELF,
BUT WHICH WOULD BE ARBITRARY AND DANGEROUS TO APPLY
TO CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE.

5. FRANCE FLATLY STATED DEMAND FOR EQUAL TREATMENT
WITH US AND USSR AS PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SC, INCLUDING
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